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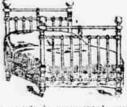
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JAPANESE REVERE RULERS. Object to Having Stamps Rearing Likenesses of Departed Canceled. Besteer Jantenni.

Private letters from Kisto bear proof that the Japanese have their own way of doing things. They recently had a new issue of postage stamps which bore partraits of two of the princes who died in the recent war. Stamps of 2 and of 5 sen were to beissnert. In the United States one portrait would In the United States one portrait would have been on the 2-sen stamp and one on the 5-senstamp, but in Japan it was thought that this would be discommutating against the memory of the on- patured on the lower denomination.

Genomination.

Law is work philiptelists find that there are two new 2-sen and two new 5-sen stamps—each denomination having one kind. stamps—each dehomination laying one kind in memory of each prince. But even this careful arrangement did not prevent a new trouble. Some conservative Japanese are contending that it berders on disrespect to the imperial family to polide their pictures with soliva and then to thotel them with ink in the process of cancellation, time min has declared in the naives, that

One man has declared in the papers that he shall decline to receive any man matter he shall decime to receive any man matter bearing these stamps. Some pestinasters have requested that they be allowed to put the canceling mary only on the edge of the stamp, so as to avoid defiling the princely faces. To cld-fashioned Japanese it is es-pecially displeasing to see fereigners putperiary displeasing to see recigners par-ting portraits representing men of divine descent into their mouths and putting them on the envelopes with as much in-difference as we employ with the faces of Washington, Franklin, and Grant on tur stamps. Some Japanese, if they use the stamps at all, most reverently lift them to their head carefully well the document. to their head, carefully wet the glue with

to their head, carefully wet the glue with pure water and then utter a prayer asthey attach them to the envelope.

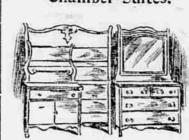
Did it ever occur to an American that it was discriminating to place a portrain on a lower depondination stamp? If this matter ever was discussed it was probably agreed that the greater honor went with the cheaper stamps, which are in wider and more general use. As for attaching any respect to them—do you know without looking whose pictures are en our various stamps?

Establishing a Precedent.

"That gas bill is a deliar higher than ever before." he said. "I know it, my dear," she replied, "Rut, you knew, one of the children was sick you knew, one of the chadren was sick and we burned more gas than usual?" "Oh, I suppose it can't be helped," he returned regretfully. "It does seen, though as if everything was complring to bank-full many."

"Why, a dollar isn't much," she protested "Of course not," he admitted, "but if you had been paying the gas bills as long as I have you'd realize what it is to es-lablish such a precedent as this. That one bill will put us in a new class at the gas office, and they'll make their estimates upon the new bias. I don't believe they'll everlet us get back to the old figure again." -Chicago Evening Post.

Wonders in Chamber Suites.



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Regular System of Spies Maintained by

Big Corporations.

WATCH OVER CONDUCTORS

n Spite of Protestations the Honest

Employes Are Obliged to Submit

to the Same Surveillance as Is Ex-

ercised Over Those Less Honora-

Big corporations, in imitation of that

arger monopoly known as the United

strates government, employ agents as a check upon other agents, and pay large salaries to men whose mission is to keep tab on them of smaller salaries, as a means of enforcing an Lotest accounting. The railways are examples. The trav-cing andi or of a railroad company, like the United States bank examiner or the

the three states hang examiner or the posteffice inspector, drops down upon an agent at a small station at an urexpected moment, to inspect the books, and it will be quit as well, if not a little letter, for the minor official to keep his vouchers on a

nvenient hook, ready for any possible

the minor ills with which the railway of ficial has to do, and it is not alone the agrent who has to "hot out for burself." The surveillance maintained over the con-

retor is of a match more rigorous descrip

the three it is to "jet the drop" on him The street car man is strictly in it, as well

The time was, and not so long ago, where c a train went out from Baltimore, nor

the end of any other division, with its 'spatter' in time the 'spatter' way to the 'taket hispacter', whose we ticket before the conductor received

, and witnessed the collection of every cash fare and knew its amount. He carried the

antern, walked backward in front of the

then" in his tone.
"It was a great that to most of us."
he said; "an advertisement in fact, that
some one among us had been 'knocking
down' the cash fares. In the eye of the

public all had been guilty; for who could

ON THE JUST AND UNJUST.

"There were regues in the business, doubtless, here and there, and the penalty lescended upon the upright as upon the

"Did I kick? Aye; I swore I would not

the rate of the control of the control of the open, clothed with authority. But what could I do? To refuse to go out with him was susceptible of unfavorable interpretation it was a 'confession' that I had been terosked.'

We used to have long runs in those

days through trains from Baltimore to Wheeling. It was a weary night ride, you may be sure, and the knowledge that one couldn't even go to the lunch counter with-

out having the eyes of his spotter upon

him, made the incrementation welling in-supportable.

"Some refused point-blank to work with an inspector. One of the oldest conduc-tors, whose record was above reproach, and who, by the way, was never for a manent suspected of wrong-doing by the officials, walked into the office one even-ing with all the with of this nature in-

ing with all the wrath of his nature un-bottled.

bottled.

"He declared be would not no, not by a darned sight, would be permit an inspector to go on his train. For that trip be carried his point. For several mouths thereafter the company had its way. I do

not know how he was brought around, but

There is evidence in the history of that

submitted to the infliction

him, made the mortification wellnigh un-

discriminate?

e traveling auditor is, however, among

ble Spotter's Job Is Hard.

Wonders in Parlor Suites.



system that there was an occasional regue-among the inspectors, and the experience with these individuals justified the conclu-sion that the "birds of a feather flocked together." The losses to the company had to angregate enough for the "extras" to both conductor and his guard every time the two were together on the same train. Another class of company sleaths is made up of men whose real occupation is not known to even their most intimate friends, and they rank as detectives. They make themselves popular by associating famil-

themselves popular by associating familiarly with all classes. They are charged with the duty of "working up a case," but seldom make an arrest for the wrong-doing discovered.

A confederate is nearly always necessary

o the success of a detective, and these tw

lay their facts before county or city author

ties as soon as their claim is complete

saulty there is but little defense against

bette charge.

Detectives are skilled in all branches of railread work, the majority of them being capable of filling any position where

the services of a journeyman mechanic is not required. They can brake, fire, flag

serve as porter, freight conductor, track hand, engine wiper in a roundhouse, or truckman in a freight depot.

HARD LINES FOR DETECTIVES.

The detective's job is no sinecure. He

expects all sorts of bardships and is no

disappointed-semetimes sleeping and eat

ing for days in a scaled bexcar to discove the culprit who steals merchandise; again

working with pick and shovel in the gang

on the gravel train, to learn who steals tools and scrap iron for the money they bring; at times running over the hoppers of a train as brakeman, to locate the responsibility for the short weight in coal, and often filling the post of clerk at

and often aring the post of clerk as a station where crockedness is suspected.

If he is a trakeman on a passenger train, his business is to watch the conductor, and be ready at the end of any given period with facts and figures to explain why the company's exchequer is not

supplied with the full amount of the fare

entrusted to the keeping of that conductor.

Petty thievings from railroads is by no means uncommon, and while in the summer it may be fruits or provisions which attract the pifferer, in the winter season it is quite as likely to be coul damped, possibly, by a

brakeman at given points to be gathered up

by his encircures, or by regular cust mers, who make small money contributions to the man who supplies the fuel. It is a cheap-er source of warmth than can be provided in any other manner, and is appreciated

There is never any squealing. It is a sort

location, and he is as likely to sleep in a box car as in a hotel led.

The street railway men call their overseers' spotters. '' They know moother mane which fits so well, and it sticks. Sometimes the spotter is himself spotted by the trainmen, but ordinarily he goes through without decourse.

without discovery. His duty is to count the

If depletion in receipts is very marked a

man is sent out to investigate the suspected line, and upon his showing depends the re-

IN THE QUAKER CITY.

delphia are alleged to have become se

common a few days ago as to seriously

endanger the stability of the companies

When the detectives began operating the conductors took the brakemen into the

conductors took the brakemen into the pool and reduced the peculations to such a system that the spotting was a rank failure. A certain form of punch was then introduced, which was declared to be a sure tell-tale, each puncture made for a fare being accurately registered and counted. The conductors learned the combination of the purchase of the conductors of the conduct

thio and defied the punch. It resulted in

wholesale dismissals upon suspicion with

out facts.

It was of one of these Philadelphia conductors that the story was told which has so often done duty as an "illustration." It rans this way: A president of one of the campanies had a handsome brick residence pointed out to him as the property of one of his conductors. He demanded to know of his subordinate if he had not bought the house from his stealings, and the reply was in the affirmative.

"But I would advise you not to discharge me," added the conductor. "I have bought my home and am satisfied. If you

bought my home and am satisfied. If yo

put a man in my place the company will

Thefts from street milways in Phila

tention of the conductors there

sengers, watch the register and leave no

accordingly.

the passenger.

An old railroader, whose service to the Ealtimore and Ohio dates tack almost to the beginning of its Listory, recalled to a Times reporter. When in a reminiscent mosel, the experiences of the conductors in those days, when the employment of the inspectors was a part of the system, and commented upon it with no little "file-lion" in his tone.

Wonders in Decorated Toilet Sets.



have to pay for another house." His impudence saved him.

The method of a street car detective is often very simple. He gets aboard of the car when it starts from the stables or power-house and counts the passengers who ride during that run. His figures are turned into the company's office, and if the conductor's register and book do not correspond in the number of fares with the count made by the detective, the proceeding is repeated on another trip.

proceeding is repeated on another trip. Should a like discrepancy appear on this second run, the conductor is invited into

second rule, the conductor is revied in the office for a brief interview. He is not accused of stealing, but is informed that his services are no longer required.

Sometimes it happens that the tables are turned. If the conductor's trip book slows

up more possengers than the counter re-ports, the detective is under suspiction of incompetency. His retention in the ser-vice thereafter depends upon a slender

a "spotter" in nearly every instance. There

is an "carmark," they say, which cannot

is an 'calmark,' they say, which cannot be obscured, and there is a system of telegraphy by which his preserve on a car can be communicated to the conductor of every other car not with between Lincoln Park and Georgetown, or between the Union station and the Navy Yard.

SPOTTERS NOT POPULAR.

Naturally the conductors do not bee a de-ective, and take pairs to discover them.

Once known, disguises are practically useless. On this a count other cities are drawn upon for men to fill the position. They come and go, fliating to and fro as birds of passage, and contrive somebow to keep

stantly on the pay roll, not withstanding oc

As in the steam milway service, the ho-

est conductors on a street car live suffer from the mixinest of the occasional black sheep. One gailty, all guilty, so far as the company knows, until developments

The detective has other duties besides

The detective has other unites lessues that of watering conductors, and among these is the discovery of evelence in accident cases. He wast burst up witnesses known to be passessed of information favorable to the company. Some of these

my bave given Wrong addresses, or

to his employers.

The salaries of the detectives range from \$50 to \$150 per month, according to capacity. They may be said to sain every cent they get.

TALKED SOUND MONEY.

Virginia.

Story of Gov. Russell's Last Visit to

New York Keening Post.

A few weeks before his death Gov. Russell went of Menticelle, Va., and preached the gospel of sound money in the heart of a State which was given over to the silver delusion. The history of this trip is of peculiar interest now, and, as we do not think it has before appeared in grint, we tell it as he related it to a friend soon of the state of the state

He received an invitation to deliver

an address at Jefferson's old home on Jefferson's birthday. He replied that he doubted if he was the proper crater for the occasion, as he should consider it his duty to discuss the linancial ques-

tion, and to express his own views, which would not be congenial to a large proportion of his auditors. The politician in charge of the arrangements wrote back suggesting that he should avoid a centre-

suggesting that he should avoid a Critic-verted question like that of the finances, and devote biaself to a general exposition of the principles of hemocracy. Gov. Rus-sell immediatelf telegraphed that he could not come with any such understanding, and that the managers had better look up-somebody edse. But his robust independ-

ence had wen their admiration, and he

speedily, received a dispatch begging him

specify, received a negative begging this to come and giving bim carte blanche as to what he should say. He went, and he talked to that he side andience as plainly as he would have talked to a crowd of Massachusetts people who fully agreed with

Private Hearing.

Bilks - Spain has good cause to complain of this country now." Zim - How is that?"

Bilks - Consul General Lee is coming from

Havana with a secret message for the

President's private-car. - Cleveland Plain

addresses may not have been out recity taken. The detective most find them. He must also visit the injured pas-sengers, if any, and turn cross-vanding in order, if possible, to chicit facts of value

nsional failure.

to his employers.

disclose the real culprit.

Wonders in Carpets.



He Spins Another Sherlock Holmes

Yarn at Mrs. Joes.

CIGAR STUMP HIS CLUE

It Helped Him Spot the Man Who

Robbed a Saloen Safe - Was a

Respected Citizen and Promptly

night along with that cold snap that

came in the middle of the week. Mrs. Jos

was wiping the glasses behind the bar and

Banty and Hutchinson of the Morning

Globe were playing "crib" to see who would

pay for supper, when the O. D. dropped

into the big chair beside the fireplace and

"I remember," said the O. D., thoughtfully, when Mrs. Joe had set the plates and

ustled in with supper; and then he re-apsed into silence. "Yes," said Hutch-

bustled in with supper; and then be re-lapsed into silence. "Yes," said Hutch-inson, "what." "Let's have it," echoed Banty; "we've got lots of time." The O. D. drained his glass and set it down, and shifted the other foot up to the fire. "bid I ever tell you, boys.—" "No, you didn't." came in chorus. "Well," he began, "it was one of those strange cases we get up at headquarters now and then. It looked simple at the start, and when the inspector called me in and explained matters, I thought I was dead lucky to get assigned on it. You see,

dead lucky to get assigned on it. You see

things had been pretty slow around the of-fice for a good bit. Seemed as though all the crooks had quit working. My partner and I had been doing a little work around the pawn shops, recovering watches and rings, and one thing and another, but

"But this case was a good one. First-

"But this case was a good one. First-class robbery, and pretty neat work, too, It was on Monday morning when the re-port came in, and the Job had been done Sunday or Saturday night. My partner had gone over to New York after Oyster

Jim," who was wanted here then, and I got the case alone.

called for a hot Scotch.

Gave Up the Money to Avoid

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special in price. look at the o.e \$5 Wonders in Easy Chairs.

"He got a pretty fair baul from the rafe.

You see, there had been a couple of high flyers in the night before, and they made a bet about something and put the stakes in the safe. Altogether, counting receipts and the money left on the bet, there was over \$1,000, and Mr. Crook had nabbed it

all. Well, the funny thing about it, and what puzzled use, was that nothing had been broken. Every door and lock and window was 0. K. and didn't show a scratch. Of course, I had a talk with the

scratch. Of course, I had a talk with the proprietor and then pumped the bartenders and a couple of colored waiters. It was no use, though; they all told a straight story and there wasn't a suspicion against any of 'em.

"The job was nighty heatly done, and as far as I could see there wasn't a clew. Every indication pointed to the fact that whoever did it was nighty familiar with the run of the place and knew something about the way things were shut up every

about the way things were shut up every night. I got a list of every one who was

there when the bet was put up, and went to work on the theory that some outsider had been tempted by the money. Then we fired out everybody but the proprietor and Jack, the bartender, and went over that saloen from top to bottom.

"Jack had closed up Saturday night, and when I got right at him with the questions he finally admatted that he had forgotten to lock the safe. You see, they were

pretty stret then about the closing hot



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and everybody had to get out at madnight pretty sharp. It was just before heemse time, and Jack had been a little late that night, so he just damped the money in the safe and shumbed the door, but didn't stop to lock it. "Of course, that explained about the sale, but I couldn't see for the life of me how my man had got into the reon. We went around to all the windows, and then I climbed up on the bar and took a look

called for a hot Scotch.

"Morning, boys," said the O. D., nodding his head toward the crobage board and stretching his feet toward the open fire.

"Fifteen two, fifteen four, a pair are six, and 'his nobs' is seven," said Panty by way of reply.

The O. D. was a good deal of a gight owl, and althoughit was an hour after pressiting and the cable cars would soon be running, no one was very much surprised to see him. Mrs. Joe's is something out of the ordinary, you know, and many people go there because the rest of the worsh hasn't found it out. You can whitle the edge of the chairs at Mrs. Joe's, and some of the names cut and scratched on the time-stained oak tables have become more or less famous. And then there is semething stained oak tables have become more or less famous. And then there is senething homelike and cheerful about the big open fire, and the queer-looking, did-fastioned prints on the walls and the general atmosphere of cleanliness that pervades the surraundings. Besides, Mrs. Jee is such an awfully good cook and takes an interest in "her bays," as she calls them, and lets you arbitional nay day if necessary. at the skylight. at the skyings.

"Right underneath the glass, on the edge of the sall, were four finger marks in the dust. They looked prety frosh, and I thought I'd struck something had until I saw the hasp and padiock just above em. It was locked fast enough, and the property and I had "been onesed since the

anticipate pay day if necessary.
The O. P. realized this as he lay back in the arm chair and sipped his hot-scatch thoughtfally, and listened to the scotch thoughtfully, and listened to the low voices of the crib players. No one ever spoke loadly or raised a racket in Mrs. Joe's. It was considered decidedly that form. Mrs. Joe always threatened the offender with the stoppage of all ame pay-day privileges. "Twenty-oight, with a pair," said Banty, softly "It's a go," said Hutchiuson. "Then it's thirty-one for four holes and out, Better make it steak and potatoes. I'll let you down easy," said Banty, as he hitched his chair toward the blaze. "I started to get down off the har a pit my hand on the cork puller that we fastened to the counter to steady myss when I saw something rying besite it in made my eye jump. Jack, smill, do y smoke? Oh, a eigarette, sometimes

says be. "Mr. So and So,' says I to the pri "Mr. So and So," says I to the proprietor, 'will you have a cigar? Bon't smoke or drink, but I've got some good ones here if you'd like to try em. 'says he, thinking I was after a graft. 'Well, what's this,' says I, pe sing up a half-smoked cigar that lay beside the cork-puller, I think our manieft something.' Well, boys, he had left it, and that eight finally did the business. "It was the most curious weed I ever ran across. There's a good deal in cigars, and if Mrs. Joe will fill 'em up again I'll tell you about this one. You see, most people smoke a cigar round and chew the end of it. They move it about in their mouth and you can see the teeth marks on the stump. But this cigar was different. The man who smoked it hadn't touched it with his teeth at all, but his lips had flat-

The man who smoked it hadn't touched it with his teeth at all, but his tips had flattened out the end until it was as thin almost as a piece of paper.

"Well, you can bet I was interested. I figured it out that may first theory was right and the man who did the job was a regular customer of the place and was probably upnetty good people. The only thing to do was to wait for him to come in, and I hing that any was to wait for him to come in, and I hing that out that pain every day for a week. It was a great graft. We used to take a drink about every ten mountes; just as an excuse for being there, you know.

"Well, one night I got him. There was a growd came in and stood up against the and drinking and swapping varies for half an hour. I saw one of 'em light a cigar and I watched him. I knew I had my man the minutche begants snoke. He heat his weed

minute he beganto snoke. He heat his weed between his forefinger and his thumb, ten-derly like, and only put it in his mouth to take a long draw now and then. When he went out he put the stump down on the har, and you can bet I grabbed it. Yes, sir, the end was as flat as a nameke. got the case alone.

The O. D. stopped for a minute and looked at Mrs. Joe, who was clearing away the things. "Give us another but one all around," he said.

"Well," he continued, "I found the place. end was as flat as a pancake
'I went around to see him the next aight. up town, no matter exactly where. It was a saloon; you boys have been there more than once. They had closed up at 12 When he came in the partor and saw me

o'clock Saturday night. Monday morning, when the barrender opened the front door, there was the sare wide open and the cash register spilled over the floor and the money gone. The thief was a cool one, too, and took his time. He knew good liquor when he saw it, and had all the best brands out on the bar and had sampled 'em.

resh designs and finely finished, with apholstered and canescats. You an't afford to go somewhere else, whe

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got as white as a sheet. I didn't know exactly how to go at him because, you see, we didn't really have any proof, and the only thing to do was to work a bluff. He saved the trouble though. Came up like

saved the trouble though. Came up like a good one the very first thing and admitted the whole business.

"We recovered most of the money, all but a few dollars, but of course we couldn't prosecute. Why, boys, if I should tell you who that man was you'd never get through writing stories about it. We found out afterward that he had a key that fitted the front door and had just waiked in and helped fainself."

The 0. D. Jeaned back and stebed and

The O. D. leaned back and sighed and looked regretfully at his empty glass. Banty yawned and looked across the table at the 0. D. "What an exquisite old liar you are," he said, sweetly, "Come on, Hutch, I'm going home."

BILL NYE'S NERVE.

How He Turned a Joke on Her wann, the Would-Be Funny Magician. Boffalo Eccaing Times.

Buffalo Eccaing Times.

Bill Nye, the humorist, and Hornam, the magician, met the first time in a small Onto town. Each knew the chervery well both by reputation and from personal characteristics, but they here had been introduced. By chance they stopped at the same hotel on the accasion referred to and were given trats at the same table in the during room.

They bowed politely and began talking about the weather, each believing that the other did not recognize his ris a 4s. Just as Nye raised his knife and fork to cut a dish of lettuce salad Hermann attered a cry of protest and surprise. Nyo

stopped in astonishment.

"Excuse me, str," remarked the whard, but I thought I saw semething queer there in your lettuce."

The humorist carefully leoked over the salad, earl by leaf, but found nothing and want proved by leaf, but found nothing and want proved by leaf, but found nothing and want proved by leaf, but found nothing and

sailad, ear by ear, but found bothing and again raised his knife to cutif. Again he was stopped by a sharp cry from Her-mann, who added, apslegetically. 'I beg a thousand pardons, but I surely could not have been mistaken that time. There is something there. Excuse ear, and he pointed to a large lettuce leaf, tailed he and disclosed undergreath a magnificent

pointed to a large lettuce lent, taked it and disclosed undermeath a magnificent diamond cluster ring worth reveral hundred dollars.

Ne slowly picked up the ring and without the slightest manifestation of surprise drawled out. This sort of thing has gone just far enough. I'm continuelly shedding diamonds wherever i go, hay before resterday I lost a solitaire in a sugar bowl in Pritsburg, and in Cleveland this morning the chambermand, in sweeping my room, found three or four more. It is positively giving me brain fag to keep track of these things, and I'm going to give it up as a had job."

Beckoning to a waitress, he slipped Hermann's ring into her band, and said:

Beckoning to a waters, he suppose Hermann's ring into her hand, and sald: "Here's a trifle for you. Keep it to re-member me by; it's yours." It took the owner of the ring about half a day to recover it, and it cost him-several bottles afterward.

SOME OF THE UNIFORMS UNITED STATES SOLDIERS HAVE WORN.









